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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of June 20, 2023

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

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Today, there are over 199,955 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 1,216 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

DPH CELEBRATES SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE

This year, San Francisco Pride celebrants are [“Looking Back and Moving Forward.”](#) and at DPH we have a proud history of serving the LGBTQIA+ community. Our Department has been a leader in providing equitable, accessible and comprehensive health care to underserved and marginalized LGBTQIA+ people.

Born out of community advocacy and collaboration, our Gender Health SF program launched 10 years ago with a mission of increasing access to quality gender-affirming health care for underserved transgender and nonbinary people in San Francisco, regardless of immigration status or lack of income.

Before we made gender-affirming care accessible through public health, there were only two pathways for trans people to obtain gender-affirming surgery: Save money, which can be an insurmountable barrier, or turn to the underground market. Today, we have a team of peer navigators, public health advocates, and mental health and medical providers committed to the highest quality patient-centered gender-affirming care available.

In honor of Pride Month, please visit our new [Gender Health SF](#) webpage and take note of the inspiring [collection of digital stories from our program participants](#).

DPH will have a parade contingent at the Trans March on Friday, June 23 and the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25 and we are encouraging all staff to participate.

SF EMS AWARDEES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

As part of national Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week, the Emergency Medical Services



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Agency (EMSA) hosted the annual EMS Awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 23rd to honor San Francisco's EMS professional and community members whose outstanding achievement and contribution exemplifies the professionalism and compassion of our EMS community. The 2023 EMS Week theme is "Where emergency care begins." The SF EMS Agency is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 EMS Awards, which are as follows:

Dispatcher Award: Danny Mac, SF Department of Emergency Management - Dispatcher
Danny Mac is commended for dispatching a call for a 10 month old infant who was unresponsive after accidentally ingesting fentanyl at Moscone Park.

First Responder Award: Ranger Jhoeare Mariano, SF Recreation and Parks Department -
Ranger Jhoeare Mariano is commended for reversing a near fatal overdose in the Victoria Manolo Draves park where he encountered a woman who had ingested fentanyl and was unconscious and barely breathing.

Field Provider Award: Chih Ren Nicholas Koo, EMT-P, SF Fire Department - Paramedic Koo
is commended for his dedication making emergency medical services a more equitable system by breaking down language barriers.

Hospital Provider Award: Curtis Geier, PharmD, BCCCP Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital -
Dr. Geier is commended for ensuring EMS initiatives, protocols, and medications are accurate and evidence based, and for developing protocol changes related to medication shortages and formulary changes.

Community Award: Students and Instructors of Mission High School Fire/EMS Pathway -
The Mission High School Fire/EMS program is commended for teaching students the skills needed to be a firefighter and EMT while they concurrently attend high school.

Raymond Lim Excellence in EMS Award: Scott Wagness, EMT-P, SF Fire Department -
Paramedic Scott Wagness is commended for his extraordinary collaboration in the professional community, and for bridging the gap between EMT/paramedic and the hospital clinician.

Mary Magocsy Excellence in EMS and Disaster Leadership Award: Section Chief Michael Mason SF Fire Department -
Section Chief Michael Mason is commended for his commitment to and leadership in community paramedicine.

Community Paramedicine Provider of the Year Award: SF Fire Department Captain Chris Couch -
Captain Chris Couch is commended for being a stellar Community Paramedicine provider



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and for her advocacy to help the most socially and medically complex patients in the EMS System. To learn more about the EMS Awards and EMS care in San Francisco, visit <https://sf.gov/ems>.

ZSFG PARTICIPATES IN MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE

On June 8, ZSFG participated in a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) functional exercise with DPH, Department of Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services Agency, the San Francisco Fire Department, and Office of the Medical Examiner, as well as nine other local hospitals including UCSF, CPMC, KAISER, the VA and others.

This exercise centered around a fictional scenario resulting in mass casualties from a city event with 100,000 attendees. ZSFG managed a surge of trauma patients and activated the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS), tracking and triaging during the fictional surge including working with local hospitals, identifying and deploying resources such as staff and equipment, and identifying various communication channels to provide information to staff and to the public with mock media interviews, press conference preparation, Talking Points, and Everbridge notifications. New and veteran staff worked together to practice, identify gaps and make improvements for our next emergency response. DPH's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) organized the exercise.

The exercise was immediately followed by a real mass casualty incident where, tragically, nine people were shot at an outdoor event in the Mission District on the evening of Friday, June 9. ZSFG received all nine patients, coordinated with other city agencies, communicated to the media and provided excellent team-based care for the patients.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - MESSAGE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The DPH Environmental Health Branch's Massage Program regulates nearly 200 massage establishments and 750 practitioners to ensure that they maintain a safe, sanitary, and lawful work environment. The Environmental Health Branch issue permits, conduct inspections and responds to complaints regarding unsafe and unsanitary conditions at the massage establishments.

On June 6, 2023, the SF Board of Supervisors unanimously passed amendments to the San Francisco Health Code, Article 29, Massage Ordinance. These amendments did the following: removed time consuming permit application barriers, increased security by allowing massage establishments to install an exterior door keyless lock system upon DPH approval and created a public nuisance enforcement category for illicit acts and operating without a permit. In addition, the Massage Program is developing a new finger printing process which will allow businesses owners to go to public certified Live Scan locations so owners can avoid having to complete their background check with the SF Police Department.



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During the ordinance amendment process, the EHB Massage Program partnered with the San Francisco Massage Council, massage business owners, Office of Small Business, and the Board of Supervisors. The legislative amendments together strike a balance between enforcement against illegal operators and supporting a small business industry where most owners are woman and/or in the BIPOC population. The process of partnering with community to draft legislation was very successful and a model that the Environmental Health Branch has adopted in our commitment to support our health and racial equity goals.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 6/7:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of new COVID cases per day is 32.*
- Eighty-six percent of all SF residents have been vaccinated and 65% have received booster dose(s). Forty-one percent of residents have received a bivalent booster.

* We are temporarily pausing the distribution of hospitalization data while CDPH makes updates to the hospitalization data reporting stream. We plan to re-integrate this data once system updates are complete.

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